

2-4-1869

Flathead Indians. Memorial of the Legislative Assembly of Montana, for the removal of the Flathead Indians from the Bitter Root Valley, in the County of Missoula, to their reservation on the Jocko

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.law.ou.edu/indianserialset>



Part of the [Indian and Aboriginal Law Commons](#)

---

#### Recommended Citation

H.R. Misc. Doc. No. 41, 40th Cong., 3rd Sess. (1869)

This House Miscellaneous Document is brought to you for free and open access by University of Oklahoma College of Law Digital Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in American Indian and Alaskan Native Documents in the Congressional Serial Set: 1817-1899 by an authorized administrator of University of Oklahoma College of Law Digital Commons. For more information, please contact [darinfox@ou.edu](mailto:darinfox@ou.edu).

FLATHEAD INDIANS.

---

MEMORIAL  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MONTANA,  
FOR THE

*Removal of the Flathead Indians from the Bitter Root valley, in the county of Missoula, to their reservation on the Jocko.*

---

FEBRUARY 4, 1869.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

JOINT MEMORIAL to the Congress of the United States praying for the removal of the Flathead Indians from the Bitter Root valley, in the county of Missoula, to their reservation on the Jocko.

*To the honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled :*

We, your memorialists, the legislative assembly of the Territory of Montana, would respectfully represent that all that portion of Missoula county known as the Bitter Root valley contains several hundred of industrious white settlers, who are engaged in agriculture, manufacturing, and mining; that from year to year they have made valuable and substantial improvements, until such improvements exceed in value the property of all other portions of said county; that there are at this time about 350 of the Flathead tribe of Indians residing in said valley; that their habits and customs are so different from those of the whites, it is found to be impossible for the two races to live on amicable terms: therefore we, your memorialists, would respectfully memorialize your honorable body that a commissioner be appointed to treat with said Indians for their removal to the reservation provided for them in the Jocko valley.

A. E. MAYHEW,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*  
SAM'L RUSSELL,  
*President of the Council.*